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## LIBERTY LOAN QUOTA DOUBLED IN COUNTY

### GOOD WORK CONTINUES

Columbia county has responded to the government's call for money, and has made an enviable record. The county's quota was fixed at \$75,000, but at noon Thursday the several banks of the county reported subscriptions totaling \$134,150, with many subscriptions not yet counted and others coming in. Rainier, whose quota was \$13,200, has subscribed for \$27,600, and the committee was still on the job. Clatskanie reported \$13,300 turned in and several thousand not counted and others coming. Scappoose had \$12,250, with several thousand more sure to come, and St. Helens, whose quota was \$26,000, had \$65,000, with the Sommarstrom yard still to hear from. It is understood that subscriptions in excess of \$35,000 will be obtained from this yard, so it is practically certain that St. Helens will go over \$100,000, or more than the entire quota for the county.

Warren, Deer Island and Goble all have exceeded the amounts asked of them, but it is impossible to get the exact figures for each locality because these towns are included in either the St. Helens or Rainier districts. The woman's Liberty Loan committee of St. Helens has been very active in the work and the following are the amounts raised through their organization: Episcopal Guild, \$4,900; Honor Guard, \$3,150; Catholic church, \$850; St. Helens Rebekah lodge, \$1,450; John Gumm school, \$16,250; St. Helens Woman's Club, \$1,500; Congregational Aid, \$1,250; McBride school, \$250; Pythian Sisters, \$1,150; Methodist Aid, \$950; Houlton M. E. Aid, \$50; unclassified subscriptions, \$950; Houlton Rebekah lodge, \$700.

The following lodges and societies have bought Liberty Bonds and are included in the total above given: Woman's Club, \$50; Episcopal Guild, \$50; Ava Temple No. 19, \$50; Avon Lodge No. 62, \$250; Moose lodge, \$100; Congregational church, \$50; Catholic Alter Society, \$100; St. Helens Rebekah lodge, \$50; M. E. Aid Society, \$50; Houlton M. E. Aid, \$50; Houlton Rebekah lodge, \$50; Honor Guard, \$50; Odd Fellows, \$100; Women of Woodcraft, \$50.

Following is Mrs. Barnett's report of the different grades of John Gumm school, also included in the original report. It will be noted that Mrs. Barnett's room, with a subscription of \$5,850, was the high room, and wins the bag: Mrs. Barnett's room, \$5,850; Miss Perry's room, \$50; Miss Hall, \$800; Mrs. Lake, \$3,000; Miss LaBare, \$350; Miss Hieckethier, \$1,400; Miss Brennan, \$3,250; Mrs. Wilson, \$700; Mr. Brown, \$600; Mr. Baker, \$250. Total for the school, \$16,250. McBride school, \$350.

## CANDIDATES FILE FOR COUNTY OFFICES

Registration Books Are Closed—Primary Election May 17.

Wednesday was the last day in which candidates could file for county offices, and Clerk Hunt has "closed up shop" so far as any further candidates filings are concerned. The candidates are:

For County Judge—S. C. Morton and Martin White, both republicans. For Commissioner—Judson Weed, republican.

For Sheriff—E. C. Stanwood, republican, and H. H. Bunting, democrat.

Clerk—O. B. Bennett, J. W. Hunt and Harold P. Ross, all republicans. Treasurer—Bessie Hattan, democrat.

Surveyor—L. J. Van Orshoven, republican.

Coroner—T. S. White, republican. E. I. Ballagh and D. W. Freeman have filed their declarations with the secretary of state for representative.

After discharging her cargo of up freight in Portland, the steamer Cell dropped down to St. Helens last night and is loading a lumber cargo for California delivery.

## HERO OF HILL 70 VISITS ST. HELENS

Wears Victoria Cross Awarded by King of England.

Private M. W. O'Rourke, 7th Canadian Infantry, and Corporal Adair, both veterans of the great war now going on, have been in Columbia county for the past few days telling of their experiences at the front and in the trenches. The soldiers, who are at home on a leave of absence, were sent down to aid in the Liberty Loan drive. Friday afternoon, Private O'Rourke spoke at Rainier and that night spoke at Clatskanie. Saturday night he spoke at St. Helens, Warren and Scappoose. Tuesday night, accompanied by Corporal Adair of the 13th Battalion of Highlanders, he spoke at Deer Island, and Wednesday night at Goble. Both of the soldiers have seen hard and active service, and their talks were very interesting to the hundreds who heard them. Some of their experiences will be spoken of in the next issue of the Mist.

## HONOR FLAGS ARE TO BE AWARDED

Blaine Hallock, assistant executive manager of the Oregon Liberty Loan state central committee, has written to S. C. Morton, county chairman, to the effect that each community which is entitled to an honor flag will receive one. He said:

"We have requested the Federal Reserve Bank at San Francisco to forward Honor Flags direct to all districts that have subscribed their full allotment. In the last day or two we have received telegrams from various counties, advising that districts have reached their quotas that we had not been previously advised had been assigned quotas. We do not want to overlook any district, therefore I wish you would arrange as soon as possible to furnish us with revised list giving district and the amount allotted."

The information has been sent to Mr. Hallock and doubtless before many days the communities in the county which went over the top will have their Honor Flags.

## THRIFT STAMP SALES SHOW GOOD INCREASE

The sales of Thrift Stamps in Columbia county for the past week show a gratifying increase over the previous week, in fact they are more than doubled. The total sales in the county now amount to \$23,596.85. The sales by towns for the week ending last night were:

Clatskanie	\$ 204.60
Columbia City	90.00
Goble	486.00
Houlton	54.45
Mayer	92.00
Mist	498.00
Prescott	166.40
Quincy	22.75
Rainier	340.85
Scappoose	124.70
Warren	25.00
Yankton	162.00
St. Helens	611.00
Total	\$ 2,977.75
Previously reported	20,619.10
Total	\$23,596.85

## ONE-SIDED GAME GOES TO ST. HELENS

Northwest Steel Company Team Defeated by 7 to 0 Score.

In a one-sided and uninteresting game the St. Helens baseball team of the Shipbuilders League won from the Northwest Steel Company's aggregation by the score of 7 to 0. On account of the inclement weather the attendance was small and the fans lost interest after St. Helens had piled up such a large score. Davis, the St. Helens pitcher, had to exert himself only once. The bases were full and none out, so he proceeded to whiff the next three batsmen. The game was called in the seventh inning on account of rain.

From the manner in which the home boys stung the pellet and did fielding stunts there is no question as to St. Helens having a strong aggregation, and when the team is lined up right they will be a strong contender for the first place.

Sunday the St. Helens team will meet the crack Cornfoot team, and a good close game can be expected. The entire gate receipts will go for the purchase of Liberty Bonds. The game will start promptly at 3 o'clock.

## PATRIOTS ACTIVE AT WARREN

The patriotic citizens of Warren were treated to an expose of the war from all sides on Saturday night such as they never before listened to. The hall was comfortably filled by those whose patriotism is at high ebb, while the few semi-pro-Germans were conspicuous by their absence. The meeting was under the auspices of the Grange and was called to order by Master Albert Freeman, who appointed a reception committee of A. H. Tarbell, N. F. Baker and A. L. Morris, after which he turned the meeting over to the lecturer of the Grange, A. L. Morris, who presided and introduced the speakers. The first speaker was an American who has served and was wounded in the Canadian contingent near the Somme in France. He was brought to the meeting and introduced by Judge S. C. Morton, who extolled the bravery of Private O'Rourke. The speaker, in his inimitable way and rich Irish brogue and wit, told his varied fighting experiences and deeds of valor, for which he has been awarded the highest honor that England can give to her private soldiers, the Victoria Cross. His talk was interspersed with round after round of applause from the appreciative crowd. Judge Morton was his host, and he took him to Scappoose, where he made another talk. While the assemblage was waiting for Dr. W. J. Kerr of the O. A. C. they were entertained with music by the Tarbell Family Orchestra, consisting of Miss Eva, pianist; Ralph, violinist; Glen, cello, and Charlie, cornet. The music was well received. District Attorney Glen R. Metsker was the host to Dr. Kerr, who held his hearers in wrapt attention. His talk and convincing data brought home most forcibly to the people that we were engaged in war. Never before have the people of Warren had so convincing an argument and logic direct from the government as was given by President Kerr, and it will long be remembered by those who attended as the most convincing and masterful efforts ever listened to here. It was a talk worthy of an audience of 10,000 people. The slackers who did not attend and who are lukewarm in everything patriotic but the dollar should have been present. They might have had their eyes opened and aid the country of their adoption. County Agent Howard brought Captain Humphries, who spoke very entertainingly of the expectation of the soldier boys, and he stated that the war must be won.

"If," he said, "Germany wins the war our boys now at the front will never return to America for the reason that they will fight until the last man is killed. They will never surrender." The success of the meeting was largely due to the untiring efforts of County Agent Howard. The Warren Orchestra, under the leadership of Capt. F. A. Hoyt of the Home Guards, rendered patriotic music. The event will long be remembered by Warren residents. After the talks a reception was held and President Kerr and Captain Humphries met all present personally.

Warren has a fully organized Home Guard composed of over 60 patriotic residents as charter members. Capt. F. A. Hoyt appointed all the non-commissioned officers at the Wednesday night meeting, and Lieutenant Bacon gave the company drill exercise. Patriotism is at a high point here and the test of patriotism will be the joining of the Home Guards. Those who will not become members will be looked on as alien enemies and non-patriotic. It is presumed a few of those will be found, but they will be shown up in their true colors. The guard is no lukewarm organization and there is to be no halfway stand. Their motto is "A man is either patriotic or he is an enemy." If patriotic he will be long to the organization. If not he will be considered an enemy and will be very closely watched and kept under surveillance. The following are the officers and privates of the company: Capt. F. A. Hoyt, 1st Lieut. James A. Bacon, Second Lieut. A. L. Morris, First Sergt. F. G. Beeler, Supply Sergt. A. E. Lund, Color Sergt. W. C. Cooper, Line Sergts. Gust Isaacson, Alpheus Wellborn, K. F. Larsen, Cor-

porals Harvey Hay, Elmer Duncan, C. R. Olson, Curtis Cooper, Carl Rylander, A. H. Tarbell, Orville Bacon, Axel Carlson, Harry Lund, Buglers Omer Beeler, R. A. Wellborn, Privates O. A. Erickson, C. D. Erickson, R. O. Harms, R. F. Fullerton, A. H. Carlson, Albert Freeman, Charley Johnson, F. W. Boesel, E. A. Isaacson, F. M. Hoyt, P. H. Lund, J. Erickson Jr., S. Wellborn, Leo aFrr, T. E. Grewell, A. Benson, H. N. Carlson, V. C. Rylander, C. J. Russell, W. J. Fullerton, Dennis Duncan, N. F. Baker, Glenn Tarbell, Axel Chillberg, Ernest Rylander, John Kallberg, E. C. Hay, John Stanley, John Farr, Dewey Larsen, E. E. Carlson, A. H. Olson, A. E. Hedlund, G. C. Olson, H. C. Cooper, John Loberg, S. W. Dahlgren, W. A. Mercer, G. C. Beavers, M. D. Green, A. L. Larson. A large number will be added to the above and it is the hope and wish that there will not be one resident in the Warren district between the ages of 16 and 60 that will not become a member. Active practice in drilling will be carried on until proficiency is attained. It is hoped that a supply of uniforms and rifles will be in the hands of the officers shortly, when a fine showing will be made by Warren Home Guards.

Warren went "over the top" in the Liberty Bond drive and did herself proud. The quota assigned to the district was \$2,500, and over \$3,300 was subscribed, or 133 per cent. While much disappointment was expressed by the solicitors at the refusal of some of the most prominent citizens to aid and the lukewarmness manifest of some others, yet the committee was pleased with the result. In speaking of the disappointment by the refusal of some of the residents to subscribe, one of the solicitors said: "I am disappointed and chagrined at the refusal of men who I expected would at least do their bit. Men and families that can well afford it, and they registered no inclination to help. What is the good of all their money and property if the Germans win, but they should be made to realize the importance of helping. I would like to see a list of those refusing to help published so that everyone might know their stand." Under the easy payment plan there is not one who could not take one \$50 bond. I hope their patriotism will be awakened. Great credit is due to Mrs. Garriot, Mrs. O. A. Erickson and Mrs. N. F. Baker, the committee in charge.

The warehouse is an assured fact. The committee in charge of raising the finances for building it met with unbounded success and a meeting of the subscribers to the project will be held soon to complete plans for the erection of the building. Mrs. Helen A. Clark, mother of Mrs. Carleton Lewis, arrived Tuesday from Milwaukee, Wis. She will make Warren her future home. Miss Zella Bendure, who underwent a treatment for her throat in Portland, is convalescent and returned home recently. Joseph Erickson, Jr., has rented his farm for a term of five years to J. R. Bowles & Son, who formerly farmed near Corvallis. The renters bought the entire livestock and some of the farming tools. Joe will engage in shipbuilding, thereby aiding the government in its time of need. He may build a home at Warren. His many friends hope so, at least. Mr. and Mrs. N. F. Baker and Mrs. Brown spent Sunday in Portland. F. W. and Mrs. Boesel are spending a week at Lebanon and other points in that vicinity on business. Alfred R. Johnson, who has been in the employ of Joseph Erickson, Sr., for the last three years, has enlisted and is stationed at Clatsop. Raymond Harnes, Ed. Harnes, Roy Copeland and Deputy Game Warden Brown spent Sunday in a fishing trip in the vicinity of Forest Grove, on Wolf creek. Raymond was chauffeur and Warden Brown was the peace officer. The trip proved very heavy and at some places the machine was to the guards in soft ground, due, they aver, to the heavy load of fish they caught. Mrs. Harnes states they had fine trout but that the largest got away.

## WAR DEPARTMENT PLANS FURLOUGHS

Farmers to Be Aided by Soldiers in Planting and Harvesting Crops.

For the purpose of augmenting agricultural production it is the intention of the war department to grant furloughs to enlisted men to enable them to engage in farming during the present season. Commanding officers may grant such furloughs within prescribed rules whenever it appears they will contribute to increased farm production.

Furloughs may be given by commanding officers of posts, camps, cantonments, divisions and departments. They will be for short periods, largely for seeding and harvesting time. They will not be granted to enlisted men of or above the grade of first sergeant, nor in an organization that has been ordered to move or is in transit from points of mobilization or training to a port of embarkation. All furloughs granted will be recalled and the men ordered to their organizations when they have received preparatory orders for duty overseas.

Furloughs granted for farm work will be without pay and allowances, except that enough pay will be retained in each case to meet allotments in force on the day of the order, war-risk insurance, and pledges on Liberty Bonds.

For specially qualified experts in agriculture furloughs may be granted by the secretary of war upon application by the secretary of agriculture, providing such furloughs are voluntarily accepted by the persons for whom application is made.

Individual applications for furloughs submitted by relatives will be on a form to be furnished by local draft boards. Two sections are to be made out and presented to the local board, which will complete the form.

If the furlough is granted the application will be filed by the commanding officer and a certificate furnished the soldier. If not granted, the application will be returned with reasons for disapproval. If the soldier initiated the application he will give the name of the person for whom he desires to work, from whom will be ascertained the need for farm service.

Furloughs may be granted on bloc to men who are willing to accept them, upon requests of farmers, when time consumed traveling from the post to the place of labor will not exceed 24 hours. In making these applications farmers will use a form of the provost marshal general's office, also going to the local board.

## FOOD DEMONSTRATION HERE TUESDAY, APR. 30

There will be an open meeting of the Woman's Club Tuesday, afternoon, April 30, at the M. E. church parlors. A speaker from the O. A. C. will talk on "Food—Particularly on Substitutes and How to Use Them." This meeting is open to everyone. The club members must hold themselves responsible for a large attendance. Be sure to come and bring several with you.

Owing to an oversight of the fact that there were five Tuesdays this month it will bring this open meeting of the club one week late. As there has been no other program prepared for the regular meeting day, it has been suggested that the members spend that day at the Red Cross rooms sewing for the Belgian babies. All members who possibly can are asked to present themselves for work Tuesday, April 23.

Don't forget the food talk, April 30. Better bring note book, too.

## WEEKLY THRIFT AND WAR STAMP SALES

McBride School		
School	Total	Gain
Miss Matthew's	\$ 42.25	\$ 4.75
Miss Taylor's	215.75	15.00
Miss Armstrong's	265.00	5.00
Mrs. Andrews'	80.75	7.75
Mr. Lake's	152.00	3.00
John Gumm School		
Miss Perry's	86.00	11.25
Mrs. Barnett's	54.75	1.50
Miss Hall's	87.50	4.50
Mrs. Lake's	149.75	2.75
Miss LaBare's	165.00	4.75
Miss Hieckethier's	426.00	105.00
Miss Stennick's	284.75	63.75
Mrs. Wilson's	266.50	110.00
Mr. Brown's	152.25	4.25
New members for the Rainbow Regiment: Jessie Lansing, Marjorie Specht, Jenette Lansing.		

## FORCEFUL MESSAGE OF PRESIDENT W. J. KERR

### PRODUCE MORE FOOD

American People at Home Must Get Into Fight and Help Allies.

Dr. J. W. Kerr, president of the Oregon Agricultural College, at the city hall Saturday night, set the people of St. Helens thinking last Saturday evening when he set forth in a clear, forceful manner vital and threatening facts regarding the food situation in Europe and America. He came at the request of the government after a conference in Washington, D. C., with a special delegation from France and England to carry these plain but unpleasant facts to the people of the northwest.

In brief he said food shortage was the largest contributing factor in the downfall of Russia; food riots at home in Italy brought on the collapse of their army; France for months has been going on 60 per cent normal rations and her army on 80 per cent. America has fallen short of her agreement to supply France with sufficient wheat and fats to maintain even this reduced supply. Both the English and French leaders stated that unless a greater supply of fats and cereals is furnished to the armies they cannot be responsible for the outcome.

The responsibility for France being able to continue rests with America. She must get more food to them and that, very soon. What has been the fate of Russia will be the fate of France unless food is saved and sent across. If France should crumble, what about England and our own small army now "over there"? It is folly to think the German army can be beaten in a year. At best, it will take from three to five years and take as many million men. We must make up our minds to the grim facts and set out expecting to share and sacrifice. It is Germany's plan to humiliate, burden and subject as a colony every conquered state and nation. Imagine America as a colony of autocracy, as a subject to the Hun. Our American army in France would fight to the last living man and inch of soil rather than surrender to the Germans.

After his lecture here Dr. Kerr went to Warren, where he delivered a similar talk to the Warren Grange. He was accompanied by Captain Humphries, U. S. A., who also gave an interesting talk.

## MEN EXCUSED FROM MILITARY SERVICE

Under provisions of the selective-service law making specified vocations a ground for exemption or discharge, apart from the "necessary industries" dealt with by the district boards, 67,716 men were excused from military duty.

Of the men exempted 1,665 were federal or state officers; ministers, 1,476; divinity students, 3,144; in the military and naval service, 47,822.

County and municipal officials numbering 889 were discharged; customhouse clerks, 171; mail employes 1,476; arsenal workmen, 2,358; federal employes designated by the president, 1,777; pilots, 1,772; marines, 2,666.

## COUNTY SCHOOL NOTES

The county school superintendent has just sent out the county school fund, amounting to \$33,152, to the various district clerks.

The Goble, Neer City, Beaver Homes and Shiloh Basin schools are considering the advisability of consolidation and putting up a completely equipped modern grade and standard high school building. Sentiment seems to be strongly in favor of consolidation.

Rainier and Vernonia will most likely consolidate with adjoining territory at the annual meeting.

Miss Katherine Rounds has succeeded Miss Lucile Clark at Tremholm. Miss Clark resigned to attend school.

War Savings societies are being organized throughout the county and the Fourth Rainbow Regiment is progressing nicely.